99 dated 28.2.99 (as amended by Notifications 43/99 and 102/99) issued by Deptt. of Revenue, zero customs duty has been made applicable in respect of capital goods required in connection with Petroleum Exploration Licenses and Mining Leases, issued or renewed on or after 1.4.99, granted by the Central or State Government to ONGC and OIL on nomination basis, subject to fulfillment of specified conditions.

(c) and (d) Import of machinery, plants, materials and supplies by the contractors and their sub-contractors under the Production Sharing Contracts (PSC) is exempted from customs duty subject to fulfillment of specified conditions. This exemption covers the national oil companies/PSUs also to the extent of their participation in the PSCs.

Share Holders of GAIL

99. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the share holding of Government of India, Enron, IOC, ONGC, British Gas and Foreign Institutional Investors (FII) in GAIL;

(b) whether there is any lock in provision to prevent sale of shares by FII; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether IOC and ONGC have any representatives in GAIL board;

(d) the number of non-Government representatives in the board;

(e) whether any step is being taken to prevent entry of Enron and entry in GAIL's Board; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) A statement is attached. (*See* below)

(b) There was a lock in period for 60 days from the date of issue of Global Depository Receipts (GDRs).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Number of non-Government representatives on the Board of GAIL is 9 with the following break-up:

(i) Functional Directors of the Company, including its Chairman and Managing Director—5.

(ii) Non-Official part-time Directors—4

(e) There is no proposal to induct representative of ENRON on GAIL's Board.

(f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.

Statement

Sl. No.	Share Holders	Percentage (approx.)
1.	Government of India	67.34
2.	Unit Trust of India	1.94
3.	LIC	1.47
4.	Banks	0.73
*5.	GDR	15.96
6.	Other FIs	0.67
7.	Mutual Fund	0.28
8.	NRIs	0.01
9.	FIIs	1.04
10.	IOC	4.83

11.	ONGC	4.83
12.	Public/Other Bodies-Corporate	0.90
	TOTAL :	100

*The shares lying under the GDR are presently held in the name of Bankers Trust Company acting as depository. However, in case any GDR will be converted into shares, the respective name will reflect in the shareholders list.

Blocks offered for bid under NELP in Bengal basin

100. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI KHAGEN DAS:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of blocks offered for bid under NELP in Bengal basin;

(b) the location and names of the blocks (off-shore and on-shore);

(c) the location-wise response to the bids received so far and the bids accepted, if any; and

(d) in case of lack of response the steps taken by Government to explore oil prospects in Hinge Zone between Calcutta and Diamond Harbour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (d) Two onland exploration blocks in the State of West Bengal and three offshore exploration blocks in Bengal offshore basin (including Northern East Coast Offshroe area) were offered in the first round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP)-1999.

The name of the blocks, locations and details of bids for these blocks are given in the statement.

The Hinge Zone in the Bengal basin has been targeted for